



Council Communication

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2012

SUBJECT: BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: Community Livability

Discussing this topic reflects the Town's desire to have citizen involvement in local government.

LEGAL REVIEW

☐ Complete

☒ N/A

FINANCIAL REVIEW

☐ Complete

☒ N/A

RECOMMENDED MOTION

A MOTION TO CONTINUE CURRENT APPOINTMENT PRACTICE.

OR

A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A FORMAL TOWN CODE AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT THE APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEERS TO MULTIPLE BOARDS, EXCEPT WHEN REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Vice Mayor Sentz and Councilmembers Cooper and Petersen requested this agenda item to discuss the current practice appointing applicants to multiple Boards and Commissions.

Excluding the Town Council, the Town has 12 active Council appointed Boards & Commissions with approximately 70 unique volunteers. Currently there are six volunteers that serve on two separate Town Boards and/or Commissions. Below is a breakdown of the volunteers that volunteer on multiple Boards/Commissions:

1. Ryan Ernsberger- Fire Public Safety Retirement System Local Pension Board and Police Public Safety Retirement System Local Pension Board
2. Allen Johnson- Environmental and Energy Conservation and Parks, Recreation, and Library Services Advisory Board
3. Leonard Katz- Industrial Development Authority and Town of Gilbert, Arizona Public Facilities Municipal Property Corporation
4. Les Presmyk- Parks, Recreation, and Library Services Advisory Board and Town of Gilbert, Arizona Self-Insured Trust Fund for Health Insurance Benefits
5. Bob Steiger- Planning Commission and Town of Gilbert, Arizona Water Resources Municipal Property Corporation
6. Jerry White- Fire Public Safety Retirement System Local Pension Board and Police Public Safety Retirement System Local Pension Board

State statutes (A.R.S. 38-847 A 1) require that the two appointed citizens to the Fire Public Safety Retirement System Local Pension Board and Police Public Safety Retirement System Local Pension Boards serve on both local boards where both Fire and Police department employees are members.

The Industrial Development Authority typically meets quarterly (and may have additional meetings, if necessary) and the Town of Gilbert, Arizona Water Resources Municipal Property Corporation typically meets once a year. Environmental and Energy Conservation; the Parks, Recreation, and the Library Services Advisory Board; and the Planning Commission meet monthly, while the Arizona Self-Insured Trust Fund for Health Insurance Benefits meets 6 times per year.

Below are several possible options for Council discussion:

- Continue current practice.
- At the Council sub-committee meeting in which prospective volunteers are interviewed and appointments are recommended, the sub-committee could informally agree to not appoint volunteers to multiple Boards/Commissions depending upon the nature of the specific Board/Commission.
- Formally change the Town's policy and adopt a Town Code amendment prohibiting the appointment of volunteers to multiple boards.
 - If the Council decides to modify Town policy to prohibit volunteers from serving on multiple boards, the Council will need to address the current impacted volunteers.

It is important to consider that adopting a formal Code change may restrict the Council's ability to appoint volunteers in the future in situations such as when the Town receives a limited number of applications for a volunteer vacancy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None provided.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andi Welsh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andi Welsh, Assistant to the Town Manager

Attachments and Enclosures:

None